



City of Phoenix

OCCUPANCY DEFINITIONS From 1997 Uniform Building Code

Group A (Assembly) Occupancy

Group A Occupancies include the use of a building or structure, or portion thereof, for the gathering together of 50 or more persons for purposes such as civic, social or religious functions, recreation, education or instruction (See Division 2.1 and 3), food or drink consumption, or awaiting transportation. Assembly occupancies may include the following:

Division 1 - A building or portion of a building having an assembly room with an occupant load of 1,000 or more and a legitimate stage.

Division 2 - A building or portion of a building having an assembly room with an occupant load of less than 1,000 and a legitimate stage.

Division 2.1 - A building or portion of a building having an assembly room with an occupant load of 300 or more without a legitimate stage, including such buildings used for educational purposes and not classed as a Group B or E Occupancy.

Division 3 - A building or portion of a building having an assembly room with an occupant load of less than 300 without a legitimate stage, including such buildings used for educational purposes and not classed as a Group B or E Occupancy.

Division 4 - Stadiums, reviewing stands, and amusements park structures not included within other Group A Occupancies.

Group B (Business) Occupancy

Group B Occupancies shall include buildings, structures, or portions thereof for office, professional, or service type transactions. This occupancy includes educational occupancies above the 12th grade.

Group E (Educational) Occupancy

Division 1 (E1) - Any building used for educational purposes through the 12th grade by 50 or more persons for more than 12 hours per week or four hours in any one day.

Division 2 (E2) - Any building used for educational purposes through the 12th grade by less than 50 persons for more than 12 hours per week or four hours in any one day.

Division 3 (E3) - Any building or portion thereof used for day-care purposes for more than six persons.

Group F (Factory/Industrial) Occupancy

Group F Occupancies shall include the use of a building or structure for assembling, disassembling, fabricating, finishing, manufacturing, packaging, repair, or processing operations.

Group H (Hazardous) Occupancy

Group H Occupancies include buildings or structures that involve the manufacturing, processing, generation or storage of materials that constitute a high fire, explosion, or health hazard.

Group I (Institutional) Occupancy

Group I Occupancies include nurseries for the full time care of children, health care centers, nursing homes, mental hospitals, mental sanitariums, jails, prisons, and reformatories.

Group M (Mercantile) Occupancy

Group M Occupancies include structures used for the display and sale of merchandise.

Group R (Residential) Occupancy

Group R Occupancies include hotels, apartments, dwellings, and lodging houses.

Group S (Storage) Occupancy

Group S Occupancies include the use of a building or structure for storage not classified as hazardous, open parking garages, repair garages, and aircraft hangers.

Group U (Miscellaneous) Occupancy

Group U Occupancies include private garages, carports, sheds, agricultural buildings, fences over 6 feet high, tanks, and towers.